

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend each of the apparatus independent claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 to specify that the node is configured so that a media service offered by an external network (or one or more external networks) can be provided through the node to the stationary equipment.
2. Amend each of the method independent claims to require providing a service offered by an external network (or one or more external networks) through the node and on the one or more access bearers to the stationary equipment.
3. Amend independent apparatus claim 24 to specify that a plural media services are offered by one or more external networks through a node of the network.
4. Amend dependency of claims 7 -9, 19 – 20, 27 – 28, and 30.
5. Editorially amend claims 13, 25, and 28.
6. Add new claims 33, dependent upon independent claim 1, which recites subject matter (now removed from the independent claims) that the stationary equipment unit comprises a user terminal through which a user/subscriber to differing types of services can interface using an input device.
7. Add new dependent claim 34, dependent upon independent claim 1, which refers essentially to set up a connection on the one or more access bearers carried by the fixed location physical link by using transport channel information in lieu of radio resource information in a message which is a modification of a radio access network protocol message.

Support and advantages of the subject matter of new dependent claim 34 is evident throughout the specification, such as (for example) paragraphs [0087], [0098], [0104], [0105], [0108], and [0131] of the specification as originally filed.

8. Add new dependent claim 35, dependent on new dependent claim 34, which specifies that the radio access network protocol message (of which the message of claim 34 is a modification) is a message that would be sent over a radio interface in a radio access network.
9. Add new dependent claim 36 using subject matter now removed from independent claim 24.
10. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8, 10, 13-19, 21, 24-27 and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren. Claims 9, 20 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of WO 03/003767 to Soininen. Claims 11, 22 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of U.S. Publication 2002/0177446 to Bugeja. Claims 12, 23 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren in view of U.S. Publication 2002/0165966 to Oyama. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

In the previous response Applicants argued all independent claims explicitly refer to a stationary equipment unit, but that Widegren refers to a mobile terminal and to a radio access network rather than a stationary equipment unit. The non-final office action now argues that Widegren discloses (quoting its Abstract) that “to set up a multimedia

session involving a mobile terminal, a session packet bearer is established between the mobile terminal and an access point to a packet data network by way of a radio access network". The office action concludes that an access point is a stationary equipment unit. See, e.g., enumerated paragraph 8 on page 13 of the office action.

Applicants perceive that the office action may be interpreting Widegren's mobile station as the claimed node, and Widegren's access point as the claimed stationary equipment unit. Such interpretation, or any other similarly strained interpretation, is precluded by the present amendment to the independent claims. As amended, each independent claim essentially specifies that the claimed node is between the stationary equipment unit and an external node which offers the [media] service[s], since the independent claims essentially require offering by the external network (or one or more external networks) through the node and on the one or more access bearers to the stationary equipment unit on the essentially fixed location physical link. For support, see, e.g., paragraphs [0034] through [0039] of the specification.

In view, e.g., of the positional location and role played by Applicant's stationary equipment unit, U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren does not anticipate the independent claims.

Other claims have separate patentable merit. For example, new dependent claim 34 refers to set up a connection on the one or more access bearers carried by the fixed location physical link by using transport channel information in lieu of radio resource information in a message which is a modification of a radio access network protocol message. New dependent claim 35, dependent on new dependent claim 34, specifies that the radio access network protocol message (of which the message of claim 34 is a modification) is a message that would be sent over a radio interface in a radio access

network. The subject matter of new dependent claims 34 and 35 is not believed to be taught or suggested by U.S. Publication 2002/0062379 to Widegren.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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